



## SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH WORKGROUP MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2019

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

**Attendees:**

Deb Maietta, HealthlinkNY	Hisieni Sacasa, HealthlinkNY
Jaime Mathew, HealthlinkNY	Stephanie Parenti, HealthlinkNY
Robert Wingate, Catskill Area Hudson Education Center	Cheryl Hunter Grant, Lower Hudson Valley Perinatal Network
Jackie Lawler, Orange County DOH	Joan Chaya, Montefiore Hudson Valley Collaborative
Jasmine Cruz, Montefiore Hudson Valley Collaborative	Renita Malone, HealthlinkNY

### I. Welcome & Introductions

Hisieni Sacasa welcomed the group, introductions were made, and the meeting opened at approximately 1:05 pm.

### II. Items

#### a. Bootcamp Update

Next Hisieni updated the group on the Health and Racial Equity Fellowship. She explained that because of the uncertainty of the PHIP funding, we will now shorten the fellowship with the hopes of scheduling a follow up at a later date. The fellowship will now only include the April dates – April 29 & 30, 2019 – and the June 2019 dates have been cancelled.

Additionally, Hisieni reminded the group that she sent out a poll to see who in the group was interested in attending the fellowship and thus far we have four that are interested:

Robert Wingate expressed interest

Cheryl Hunter Grant expressed interest and is also interested in sending a few staff members who have not yet joined. Hisieni informed Cheryl that she can include them when she sends names back with a note that states to be determined.

Hisieni stated that she will hold off on sending the invite to others outside the group for the moment, since it appears we have enough in the workgroup that are interested in fellowship. HealthlinkNY will also be submitting an application for completion to those interested in attending the Fellowship so we can receive a concrete commitment.

Hisieni also took the opportunity to refresh the group's memory and explained that the idea is to send five staff members from each organization. So far, four organizations have stated that they are interested in the fellowship.

Agenda for the Fellowship:

First day will be Joyce James and Erika Bernabei will be on the second day with the fellowship concluding with some type of policy as we originally planned.

**b. Blueprint Review**

First, Hisieni explained that after reviewing the schedule and considering the funding uncertainty, it is no longer realistic to put together a Blueprint event in March 2019.

Next, the group discussed the Blueprint Review where they summarized what has been included in the 2018 Blueprint events that hosted to date:

- Epidemiologist – Local data from the county where we host the event that was included in the agenda between the poverty simulation and Dr. Kenya Beard
- Local speaker instead of epidemiologist
- Dr. Kenya Beard – Implicit Bias presentation
- Poverty simulation
- Dr. Martine Hackett – Social Determinants of Health presentation
- Community assets discussion
- Local representation from an organization such as, SNUG
- Discussion encouraging action at the end of the event

All of the items that we have included in the day have worked very well.

The group then discussed some items that maybe considered for future Blueprint events:

- Local speaker
- Keeping an epidemiologist in the event
- Keeping Dr. Beard and Dr. Hackett in the event. They are a great duo and we have received lots of positive feedback regarding both of them.
- Making the event a two-day event instead of one-day
- Action based discussion in the middle of the day after Dr. Beard presentation
- Having either Dr. Beard or Dr. Hackett instead of both
- Poverty simulation stand-alone one day and blueprint presentation the following day

The group also discussed making sure that there is a model of the Blueprint left behind to ensure that those that presented a Blueprint for Health Equity event would incorporate the important aspects of the event into theirs.

Cheryl also suggested that we remain cautious when adding/deleting elements of the Blueprint so that the importance of racial equity is not lost.

**c. Committees on Health Equity**

Hisieni then asked the group if they were familiar with any organizations that may have a Committee on Health Equity and the following were suggestions from the workgroup:

- Bernard Cummings may be good resource to talk to as he is the head of the Social Determinants of Health Bureau for New York State
- Hudson Valley Collaborative and St. Luke's have a diversity and equity workgroup Montefiore is building a diversity and equity counsel
- Lauren Tobias at Division of Family Health, New York State Department of Health
- NAACP may have a committee on health equity that relates to the African American community
- Upcoming Diversity and Inclusion conference

**d. Roadmap**

The Roadmap of resources that the group started working on will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

**III. Announcements**

Joan Chaya announced that Montefiore is partnering with Cook Ross and will be hosting a half-day workshop - Disrupting Everyday Bias. If anyone is interested, they should contact Jasmine Cruz. Jasmine will be sharing the flyer via email following today's meeting.

**IV. Adjourn**

The meeting wrapped up and was adjourned at approximately 2 pm.

**Next Meeting:**

**April 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**